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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: E-19J

Marisol Simon
Regional Administrator, Region 5
Federal Transit Administration
200 West Adams Street, Suite 2410
Chicago, IL 60604

**Re: Comments on the Second Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement
for the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN Central Corridor Project, CEQ No. 20130150**

Dear Ms. Simon:

In accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, and the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), we have reviewed the Second Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (2SFEIS) for the above project and submit the following comments.

All of the issues we raised and recommendations we made on the Second Supplemental Draft in our letter of January 30, 2013 have been addressed in 2SFEIS. We commend the multiple outreach efforts made by the involved local agencies, the extensive record keeping as demonstrated in the 2SFEIS, and the continuing programs to meet the needs of those impacted by this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this 2SFEIS for the Central Corridor Project. Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact me or my staff member Norm West, at 312-353-5692 or west.norman@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kenneth A. Westlake", is written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth A. Westlake
Chief, NEPA Implementation Section
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Cc: Kathryn O'Brien, Metropolitan Council